

Dublin, May 8. 1836

Dear Miss May - Will you lend me the
name of "Miss Smith, Glenagragh House, Balkey,
Dublin, Ireland" to Mr Bailey, as a subscriber to
his paper the Newport News, Newport, Kentucky. This lady
lives with Miss Bruce of whom you will hear a great deal
from Parker Pillsbury as one of his most hopeful converts.
Miss Bruce has subscribed for the Standard & Liberator -
and Miss Smith is the same house will take the
Newport News in consideration of the recommendation
of the last Advocate. I mean to send him a copy of
that number by this mail. A very slight word of
recommendation from a friend (literally, obliquely)
when it comes from a distance, and I would like him
to see thy paper & to fit the odds for the paper down to
gether. I have got twelve Stephen's for him which I will
put to your credit. She has thy paper & left for paternoster
row from P. Pillsbury that Miss Pittman has been

You will have heard from P. Pillsbury that Miss Pittman has been
troubled with such a succession of head aches that she
has gone to Dartmouth in Devonshire to recruit, accompanied
by one Manchester anti-slavery friend Miss Whiteside, with
whom P. S. is much more intimately acquainted than I am,
having stayed more than ever in the same house with her,
at her sister Mrs Long's. She is a sensible, quiet, resolute
person, and the very kind of companion Miss Pittman
would like & respect. I am assured by her and by her
friends that nothing else is the matter with her - and if she
contents herself to take less care, and rest less friends think
the summer I think she may come round to be able for some
other life in future. It is my opinion, and I can not
help thinking so, that she does wrong to let the idea of a memoir of her
father rest upon her. If written & printed - I need either to
publish or un-publish - offered for sale or given away.
If unpublished nobody will know of its contents but the
recipients of the book who already know the subjects
pernicious as by reputation. If published it would
hardly sell - for being not a practical work & the few
who have a charm over ~~an~~ a subject having no extraordinary
or romantic interest. And although her father was an
enormous man there are happily many more of them
than meet with biographers - the ready public are impatient

of biography, poetry & any thing new, under it
be original & rarey. I think Miss E. feels that she
ought to write this memoir - her immediate relatives
and connexion seem to be all opposed to the idea,
for what name I do not know - but by the names
I have given I think I write to better she fell herself
from such an undertaking, what to be risk done
and such an outlay of time labour money.

The impression of Las Casas made upon me was that
P. Pillsbury left his card at the hotel and received an
invitation to an interview next day of which he will
give you all the particulars. It was most kindly &
cordially received and seems to have engaged the real very
much. You asked me what Miss C. said to me about
the cause - nothing very special except that he considered
it one of the most important if not the most important
movements of the day. As I suppose a private call
from the secretary to an ordinary tradesman is to say
the least any uneasiness - I took care to let him hear
the conversation and to answer nothing than to ask
I mean I wished to avoid any thing like mortifying him
to commit himself by saying any thing that from his
official position he might ~~have~~ ^{be} involved. I talked
a great deal for I saw that he wished to hear what I had
to say about the abolitionists, our own country, the priests
& many other subjects on which I have very decided opinions.
- I suspected after he left me that Miss Hartwell had
something to do with the call, and accordingly going to her
rest for this, I used to thank her. She sent me word
that she had written to Las Casas about me & I
think I probably that my ready and willing to help
gave him an opportunity which he might have other
men wanted. But this is very egotistical & I was
not even written I ~~had~~ had you not asked me.

Yesterday I heard from Mr Edmundson that
Frederick Douglass is coming over to this country Miss
Jane Thompson of Edinburgh
I saw a letter yesterday from Miss Thompson of the old
daughter of the celebrated Andrew Thompson of the old
English Anti Slavey times, in which she calls Julia
an insolent little Bantam hen, taller of her "under the table"
she is and said that his conduct was disgusting.

The best way of doing with the like of her is to keep
her kindly except to show from time to time that
~~never~~^{now} her conduct is inconsistent & hypocritical - which it
undoubtedly is. Her opinion is decided that Parker
Pittsby and his pay for what it has cost you.
Some good things from the Dublin converts - Mrs. Nuttall,
Miss Bruce & Miss Lloyd. They are working for a religious
work American event in their country. But this
is a complication that requires much deliberation.
Where is the agent? Who is the fit man? Now who
will be Substituted? What could he do? I would not
know if Parker himself would like it - but he would
find it a more difficult matter to live in a house
of his own & make a style in London than he has
had to do about paying him to have as the (always)
welcome guest of his friends. It strikes me that
it adds greatly to impress our educated & thinking
classe some such man as Phillips is required -
who could touch the subject at all points and whom
literary & well furnished men would put him on equal
terms with the people he might have to cope with.

J. R. Green, Butter Buildings, is the agent that I greatly
prefer in Liverpool. He is first class as to respectability,
and I think makes most reasonable charges.

I do not think the delay of the Rose was of any
consequence whatever. I think that generally, the
intents came in very good time.
In the duplicates that I held over from time to time
of the various publications you lent - held by me
rather than for them into unworthy hands & to
no purpose - I found a most unprofitable magazine
for Mr. Turner and Miss Boyce and then the
advantage of having some one person to conduct such
things to, to whom this kind of business is no
trouble but a pleasure. Your child is not yet com-
munity but it will be in good time.
to hand - but it will be in good time.

Could nothing be done to induce H. C. Wright not
to say the good things he says in such a repulsive
disgusting way? He is a good fellow. Did you ever try
him? Can you tell me who wrote such articles as
the "Blues that and see" in the Standard of April 19?

It is admirable. It seems to me that the hints
Slavery can bring forth the very essence of truth in
such articles as these. P. P. says they are not Slaves
I know they are not Slaves - I mean their writers,
in that earnest and substantial style - though Slaves
are ennobled in their way & I like & enjoy them.

I hope you will keep me advised how matters
go on with you. Your letters are always most welcome
to us and will be very valuable just now that I
have so many more sympathizers.

Yours truly Richard Webb